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LB 124

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR VICKERS: With that, I will wait until this other amendment is up and we can discuss the bill perhaps a little further.

SENATOR LABEDZ: We have an amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Vickers.

CLERK: Madam Chair, Senator Vickers would move to amend the committee amendments. (Read the Vickers amendment as found on page 1714 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, we discussed at quite some length I think this morning and the problem with defining exactly what substandard is, so what I am attempting to do is to remove the word "substandard" so it would leave the designation as blighted by a municipality for any building that is to be renovated in this area with this mechanism, and I suggest that perhaps if it was good enough this morning on 626 to remove the word "substandard", it certainly should be good enough here on 124. I think the same arguments can be made as to the broadness and the difficulty in defining exactly what is substandard. I still have a problem with that entire concept and I don't think that it would be fair to not raise the issue on 124 as well as we do on 626. So with that, I would move for the adoption of the amendment to strike the words "or substandard".

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Newell, on the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Senator Vickers, I admire you from time to time and this is not one of the times. I appreciate your persistence. I appreciate your doggedness less and less as time goes by, by the way. Senator Vickers, I have some eloquent things to say and then I have some things that are on my mind, and I will try to be eloquent as opposed to be frank. The issue here in terms of the energy codes deals with areas that are much older, which most of the areas designated blighted are. Your requirements that retrofitting, and that is what your amendment will do, retrofitting of old buildings, will have the requirements of newer buildings, the same as a newer building, and that is what we are talking about is retrofitting because you are putting in some dollars, and so forth, are,